

# Cleveland Here for Three Games: Erickson Hurls Nationals to Victory Over White Sox in Final

## PACE-SETTING INDIANS, CHOICE IN FLAG RACE, HERE TO MEET GRIFFS

BY DENMAN THOMPSON.

TRISTRAM SPEAKER, the only playing manager in major league baseball, and the hustling aggregation of athletes with whom he is expected to this year give Cleveland its first pennant, are in town. Unless bad weather interferes contests will be staged with the Nationals today, tomorrow and Wednesday to complete the initial appearance in the capital this season of the western contingent of the American League.

The Indians have more than justified the expectations of their supporters and the predictions of the "experts" that this is to be Cleveland's year. Right now they are out in front in the flag race and traveling at a fast clip under the leadership of a man who possesses the rare combination of brilliant individual ability and the knack of instilling the spirit of fight into the players he is directing. The Indians, smart ball club with a smart manager, the infield, with Johnston, Wambach, Chapman and Gardner, constitutes as brainy a quartet as exists in the sport; Grane, Speaker and Wood or Smith compose an outfield well balanced in the essentials of fielding, hitting and throwing skill, and Steve O'Neill is one of the very best backstops the game ever developed. As to pitching alone is there any question regarding the championship caliber of the team.

In Cleveland and Bagby, the Indians have two as effective moundmen as can be found. There are eight others on the staff, but those named have accounted for sixteen of the twenty-one wins attained thus far, and they cannot be expected to continue at such a pace without going state by state over work. Bagby registered his eighth straight victory against the Mack team last Thursday night, after accounting for seven in a row, dropped one, displayed another winning effort, and then, after a reverse of the campaign yesterday, Ray Caldwell, with three, and Elmer Myers, with one, have accounted for the other five wins.

Star Hurlers Not Overworked. A remarkable thing about the success of Cleveland's two star hurlers is that, despite the fact that they have carried the burden of box work, neither has been called upon out of turn, it so happens that the games canceled in the west because of rain and bad weather developed in such a manner that Covey and Bagby got their full quota of rest between efforts.

Speaker is making no extravagant claims for the Indians. He is merely confident they can maintain the pace they have set and possibly do even better, when the finale of his hurling career is reached. He is emphatic on the point that the club will not have to depend wholly on the pair who have done the bulk of the work thus far.

"The Indians are rolling along at their normal clip," says Speaker, "and may reasonably be expected to continue it. Many fans are under the impression that the burden of carrying the team along has been thrown on Bagby and Covey. This is neither fair nor true. Weather conditions have been unsettled and they have been under the weather, but what would have been their regular days. The rest of the men are in shape to help up, and the finale of his hurling career is reached. He is emphatic on the point that the club will not have to depend wholly on the pair who have done the bulk of the work thus far.

Griff's club will have a chance to halt the spectacular career of the as yet undefeated Jim Bagby during the current series. The famous exponent of the "noodle ball" is due to work this afternoon, having had three days' rest since his last appearance. Courtney or Johnson may start for the locals. Covey probably will not be seen on the mound in this set, as he worked in Cleveland against the Athletics yesterday and the game ends Wednesday. Thursday is an open date in the schedule for both clubs, but there will be a game at the local park, even in the event of a postponement, as the Nationals have waived the right to play the Indians here in order that the latter may play an exhibition with the Pittsburgh Pirates. The Griff's will fill in the off day by going to Richmond for a game with the Virginia League team.

### BABE RUTH'S HOME RUN WINS FOR THE YANKEES

NEW YORK, May 24.—The Yankees nosed out the Browns yesterday, 3 to 2, thanks to a home run by Babe Ruth over the right-field stand, his sixth on the season. Pipp was on first at the time and the hit meant two runs. The last of tallies credited to the Browns resulted in the same way, Jacobson slugging a homer into the left-field stands, scoring Williams, who was on base at the time. Both Shawkey and Weiland pitched good games. The score: Yankees, 3; Browns, 2.

### MINOR LEAGUE GAMES.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE. Toronto, 4; Buffalo, 3. Syracuse, 7; Baltimore, 3. Akron, 8; Rochester, 6. Jersey City, 7; Reading, 1.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. St. Paul, 5; Louisville, 2. Minneapolis, 9; Indianapolis, 2. Louisville, 3; Milwaukee, 2. Columbus, 12; Kansas City, 7 (10 innings).

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION. Mobile, 4; Memphis, 1. Nashville, 1; Atlanta, 0. New Orleans, 3; Chattanooga, 2 (11 innings).

TEXAS LEAGUE. Houston, 5; San Antonio, 2. Wichita Falls, 9; Fort Worth, 2. Shreveport, 6; Dallas, 3. Galveston, 5; Beaumont, 1.

### Kumagai Out of U. S. Title Play.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Ichijima Kumagai, the Japanese tennis star, who ranks No. 3 on the American list, will be out of the national championship this year. He will sail on July 8 to compete in the Olympic singles, which will be held too late for him to return in time.

### Cubs Smother Phillies, 10-2.

The Cubs, playing at home yesterday, smothered the Phillies under the score of 10 to 2. Hendrix allowed only four hits, while Causey was hit hard.

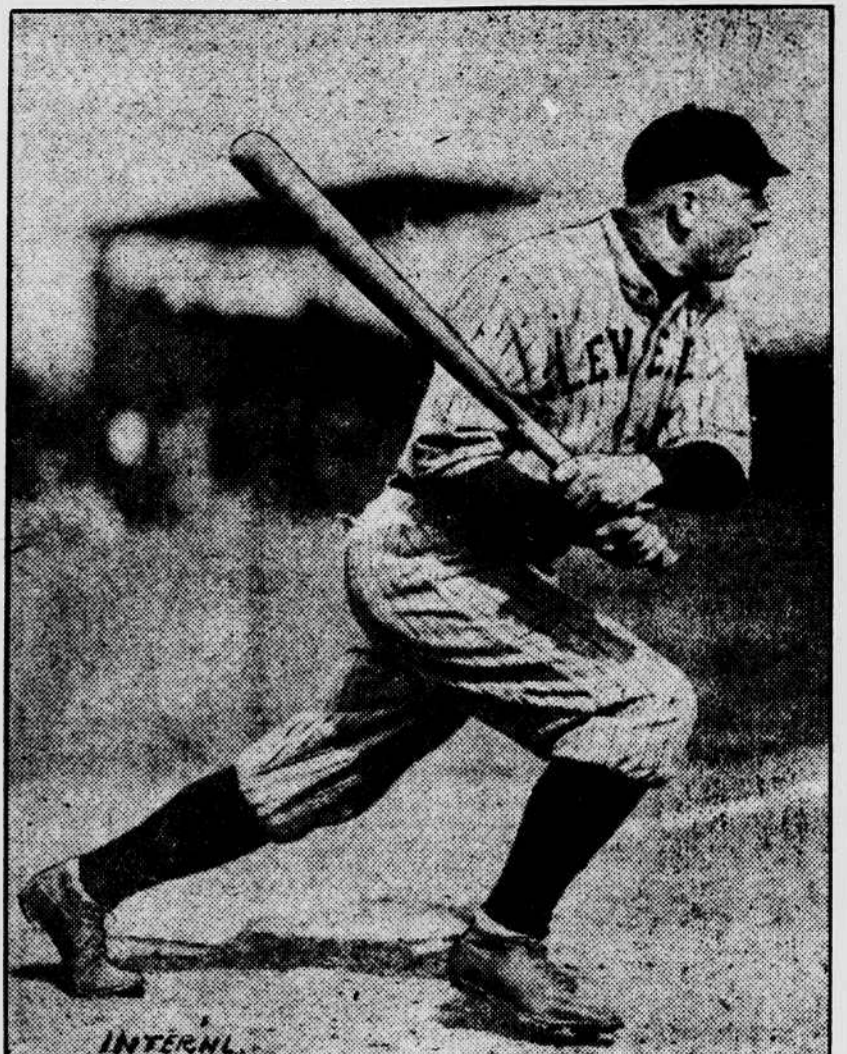
### Pittsburgh Team Seeks Date.

The Victory A. C. of Mount Washington, Pittsburgh, Pa., would like to book a game with any light base ball team in Washington or vicinity. The Victory A. C. record for the season of 1919 was twenty-seven wins and three losses, for the season 1920 five wins and no losses. Any first-class base ball team desiring the Victory A. C. for two games on Decoration day, May 31, kindly write Fred G. Wehe, manager, Victory A. C., 351 Kramer Way, Mount Washington Station, Pittsburgh, Pa.

### Garland May Complete American Tennis Team.

"Chuck" Garland most likely will be the fourth member of the American tennis team which will go abroad for the English championships, and the Davis cup preliminaries. He, Walter Johnson and Richard Hart were in the running for the place. Garland in trial matches at Wimbledon, more decisively than did Hart, and the last-named was beaten in a match with Watson Westburn in a Church cup contest.

### HERE'S MAGNETIC LEADER OF CLUB TOUTED TO WIN ITS FIRST PENNANT THIS SEASON



"Spoke," as the Indians' pilot is known, was born in Hubbard City, Tex., thirty-seven years ago, and broke into baseball with the Boston Red Sox. Born a right-hander, he was forced to teach his left arm the art of throwing "em out at the plate from deep center field, at the age of ten, due to an accident which injured his right hand. Tris, who first set out as an electrician, is one of the few natural hitters in the American League and is about the hardest man in the game to fan, as the records yearly prove. In 1914 Cleveland paid \$37,000 to Boston for his release and at the end of last season he was entrusted with the management of the team. Only the curtailed season prevented him from leading the flag. His batting average for the twelve years has been in the big league is around .350. His fielding is a finished product. An almost religious believer in outdoor life, he manages to keep in condition all year around.

## EDDIE CICOTTE BESTED IN BOX DUEL BY OLAF

### Griff's First Well Pitched Game in Two Weeks Nets 3-1 Win Over Champions

BY DENMAN THOMPSON.

It remained for George Erickson to lead the Nationals out of the wilderness of punk pitching through which they have been groping for two weeks, by hurling them to a 3-1 victory over the White Sox yesterday. Since May 8, when Zachary blanked the Yankees, Washington failed to get a single well pitched game. In the ten contests intervening they won three while losing seven, but the victories registered were not due to good work on the part of the local moundmen. Johnson got credit for one win by a count of 9-3 over Detroit, in which three hurlers were used. Courtney lucked through a contest with St. Louis, in which he was nicked for eleven safeties. Then there was that 17-8 affair that marked Shaw's entrance in the win column, in which he and Schacht were located for eighteen safeties, but couldn't lose because their mates were accumulating twenty-three blows.

The answer to the question yesterday of a shut-out or a shut-out of the champions, after taking three straight games here, was that the local boxman turned in a better performance than the other fellow, who happened in this instance to be the Sox hurler, E. Cicotte. In all game yesterday and before an immense crowd the visitors came out on top, 3 to 1. Martin pitched a splendid game for the Macks, the only tally of the Indians being made in the first round, after which he was a great puzzle. The Macks bunched hits on Cleveland in the eighth round and scored their only run. The Indians were under the weather, but the game was a good one. Four fast double plays featured the game. The score: Nationals, 3; White Sox, 1.

Cicotte Solved in Two Frames. Eddie Cicotte was his usual effective self over the great pair of the seven rounds he toiled until lifted to let Leibold start the rally that saved the Sox from a shut-out. He proved vulnerable in two frames and, opposed by a real pitcher, the damage accomplished in them was sufficient to seal his fate.

Contrary to their custom, the Griff's launched an early offensive. Five of their seven safeties were registered in the second and third frames, and a belated uprising was unnecessary. In each instance Cicotte put in an opening by passing the first man to face him. Roth was the beneficiary in round two, Bobby moved at second, according to Tommy Connolly. On what the ump deemed a decision is not known, as it happened behind him while he was racing to first, where he expected the play to be. The Sox were flagged with a second, Milan holding third, but counting a moment later on Harris' solid hit to left, Stanley won a double to second against Schalk's wing, and was left there when Ellerbe lofted to Jackson.

Sidelights on the Game. The Griff's have crawled back up to fifth place. Shannon handcuffed Weaver with a terrific drive in the fourth. On Ghartry's sacrifice and Erickson's fly he reached third, where Judge left him. Josephus, compelled to quit in Saturday's game because of illness, was back on the job, although still somewhat shaky on his pins. He went hitless, but his mark of sixteen consecutive awaiting games stands as the record for the season.

Erickson's fancy batting average got the alum treated as a result of three pointless trips to the plate. He poked into a double play with Ghartry on first by means of a single in the seventh. Only twelve Griff's faced Cicotte and Kerr, who pitched the final frame, in the last four innings.

Jackson went from one extreme to the other in the seventh, when he sprang a wild pitch, then beat out missed connections and then beat out a well placed tap to Ellerbe. The governor contributed a couple of good plays. He raced over to snare Weaver's boulder with one hand in the fourth and picked a foul from Felch's bat out of the new boxes in the seventh.

Connolly's ouija board ruling on Rice at second in the third got a rise out of Griff. Sam appeared to have reached the midway well ahead of Weaver's throw. Connolly didn't see the play at all. His telepathic verdict knocked the Nationals out of at least one run.

Eddie Collins was a victim of the presentation line. He received a bouquet of flowers from an admirer in the seventh.

### AT LAST!

CHICAGO.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Murphy, rf.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Weaver, ss.	4	0	1	2	3	0
Jackson, cf.	4	0	0	2	0	0
Jordan, lb.	2	0	2	1	0	0
McMullen, 3b.	2	0	0	2	0	0
J. Collins*	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wells, c.	2	0	0	1	0	0
Cicotte, p.	2	0	0	1	0	0
Leibold†	1	1	0	0	0	0
Kerr, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	1	4	24	12	0

### WOMAN BOWLERS TO TAKE ALLEYS

Eight Teams Scheduled To-night in Duckpin Tourney for Fair Sex.

Eight teams, eight doubles and ten singles, take the alleys tonight in the first play of the women's duckpin tournament at the Grand Central alleys. The bowling is to begin promptly at 8 o'clock, but all entrants are requested to be present at 7:30 to answer to the roll call.

The tournament is to last three nights and is certain to be the biggest women's tourney ever held in this section. More entries have been received than took part in the women's events at the end of the Atlantic Coast Bowling Association event a few years ago.

Schedule for tonight:

- Alley 4—Brightwood Park: Mrs. Ombundro, Mrs. Helmeck, Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Charlton, Mrs. Duryee.
- Alley 5—Interstate: Mrs. Harriet Jones, Miss Dobbs, Miss Mabel Young, Miss Bertha Griffith, Mrs. F. E. Fitch.
- Alley 6—Mount Pleasant: Mrs. Ackman, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Eckhardt, Mrs. Larenson, Mrs. Malcolm.
- Alley 7—Federal Trade Commission: Miss Holkala, Mrs. Galloway, Mrs. Brown, Miss Hamner, Miss Riekenberg.
- Alley 8—East Office: Mrs. E. Rawlings, Mrs. F. N. Coburn, Mrs. R. G. Fletcher, Mrs. Bratt, Mrs. G. A. Fitch.
- Alley 11—Grand Central: Mrs. J. L. Vaeth, Mrs. F. R. Nickel, Miss Qualter, Mrs. E. M. Hamner, Mrs. E. A. Honkala, A. J. Galloway, Ethel Hobbs, M. C. Ulrich.

### WOMAN GOLFERS START PLAY FOR TITLE TODAY

Tourney Opens With Qualifying Round Over Chevy Chase Course.

Leading woman golfers of the District of Columbia are qualifying today over the Chevy Chase course for the match play rounds in the annual women's championship.

All the best feminine exponents of the game in the District have entered for the title tourney, and, judging by scores that they have turned in recently by some of the players, the present tournament should furnish the match play rounds in the annual women's championship.

Over the Kirkcaldy course last year, Mrs. Emily Smith in the final round, is playing very well and is expected to make a strong effort to retain her laurels. She is paired today in the medal round with Mrs. T. Kirkcaldy of Chevy Chase, another able player and one who will probably figure well up in the tourney. Mrs. Francis Hyatt, Jr., formerly Mrs. Pauline Lockett, one of the best players of the District a few years ago, has returned to the game after an absence of two years and is expected to play well in the present tourney. She was paired today with Miss Louise Lacey of Chevy Chase. Miss Lacey, who may win the event if she is at the top of her game.

### HOW GRIFFS ARE HITTING

	G.	A.	B.	H.	S.B.	Pct.	Runs
Zachary	10	20	10	1	500	2	
Courtney	8	11	4	0	353	3	
Judge	30	123	40	3	325	3	
Erickson	9	10	6	1	315	1	
Berk	29	116	33	10	311	1	
Rice	30	123	38	33	304	17	
O'Neill	14	19	15	1	304	8	
Wells	10	154	40	0	299	8	
Shaw	5	2	0	0	285	0	
Ellerbe	18	64	18	2	281	9	
Shannon	29	107	29	2	274	18	
Shanks	8	16	4	0	268	1	
Johnson	11	23	6	0	260	2	
Ghartry	22	74	19	1	250	11	
Shank	8	16	4	0	248	1	
Pfeinlich	10	33	7	0	200	2	
Schacht	9	12	2	0	160	2	
Schacht	7	10	0	0	160	0	
Snyder	4	7	0	0	160	0	

### Georgetown Athletics Win.

The Georgetown Athletic Club journeyed to Bladensburg yesterday and smothered the home team under the big score of 19 to 1. Lee pitched brilliantly for the athletes, not allowing a batter to reach first in eight innings. In the ninth a triple and a passed ball accounted for Bladensburg's only run.

### Potomac Yards Team Wins.

The Potomac Yards nine defeated the Savage Athletic Club on Del Ray High School grounds by 21 to 9.

### 10,000 Attend Opening of Olympic Stadium.

ANTWERP, May 24.—The Olympic stadium, completed three months ahead of time, was officially opened yesterday afternoon with a great gymnastic exhibition by 600 men and girls, mostly Belgians. The structure is ready for the games, even the cinder tracks for the running events being completed. About 10,000 persons were present and did not half fill the structure. The gymnasts had plenty of room in the arena for their evolutions. The king was unable to come, but numerous cabinet ministers and other prominent personages watched the exhibition.

### Braves Shut Out Reds.

The Braves, playing in Cincinnati yesterday, blanked their opponents, 7 to 0, through the splendid work of Pler Schalk, who rolled up a triple to three hits. Ring was hit hard and was taken out in the third, and Fisher and Luque finished the game. The Reds are going badly, having scored but one run in the last three games.

### Tinker Buys Cubs' Pitcher.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 24.—President Tinker of the Columbus Association has announced the purchase of Pitcher Newkirk of the Chicago Cubs. Newkirk will report at Milwaukee today.

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### PENNANT RACES

# AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	21	9	.700	Washington	14	16	.467
Boston	18	9	.667	St. Louis	13	15	.466
Chicago	16	13	.571	Philadelphia	10	15	.400
New York	15	14	.517	Detroit	7	21	.250

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GAMES TOMORROW. Cleveland at Washington, 3; Boston at St. Louis, 3; Chicago at Philadelphia, 3; New York at Detroit, 3.

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES. Cleveland, 3; Washington, 2. St. Louis, 13; Boston, 10. Philadelphia, 10; New York, 7. Detroit, 21; Chicago, 7.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

W. L.	Pct.	W. L.	Pct.				
Pittsburgh	17	11	.607	St. Louis	15	11	.568
Cincinnati	17	13	.567	Boston	15	15	.500
Brooklyn	14	11	.560	New York	11	15	.423
Chicago	17	15	.531	Philadelphia	11	19	.367

GAMES TODAY. Cincinnati at Cleveland, 2; St. Louis at Washington, 2; Philadelphia at New York, 2; Pittsburgh at Brooklyn, 2.

GAMES TOMORROW. Cincinnati at Cleveland, 3; St. Louis at Washington, 3; Philadelphia at New York, 3; Pittsburgh at Brooklyn, 3.

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES. Cincinnati, 7; Cleveland, 2. St. Louis, 13; Washington, 10. Philadelphia, 10; New York, 7. Detroit, 21; Chicago, 7.

### CARPENTER WILL BOX LEVINSKY NEXT JULY

Match Will Be at 12 or 15 Rounds, at 175 Pounds, Place to Be Selected.

NEW YORK, May 24.—George Carpenter, heavyweight boxer, and Battling Levinsky of Europe, and Battling Levinsky of New York, American light-heavyweight titleholder, have agreed to meet in twelve or fifteen round contest at 175 pounds ringside on or before July 26, it was announced here by Jack Curley, Carpenter's American representative. The time and place of the bout will be decided later. Under the terms of the agreement the two men are to be notified four weeks in advance of the date, it was stated. New York may be the scene.

### Aloysius Wins Opening Game.

The Aloysius Club base ball team won its first game of the season yesterday from the fast Bowling Field nine by a 10 to 3 count. Teams desiring Saturday and Sunday games with the clubmen should communicate with Charles Streeks, 47 I street northwest.

### Easy Win for the Arrows.

The Arrow A. C. yesterday defeated the Navy Ward Juniors by the score of 12 to 3. Murray's pitching for the winners featured.

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